Malaria in Mekkod, Kulasekharam, Pechippara and Arumana.

84. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken now for the eradication of malaria on the Special Investigation Officer's report in which it is stated that this disease is widely prevalent in Mekkod, Kulasekharam, Pechippara and Arumana?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to open a dispensary at Mekkod?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Anchal, Education, Forest and Revenue Departments have been entrusted with the sale of quinine in these localities. A scheme to carry out the proposals of the Special Investigation Officer has been called for from the Sanitary Commissioner. The matter is under correspondence between him and the Darbar Physician.

(*b*) No; Mekkod, Pechipara and Kulasekharam are in close proximity to one another and the Medical Officer in charge of the District Dispensary, Kulasekharam, attends to the needs of the people in the neighbourhood.

Appointment of Velayudhan Pillai.

85. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that M. Velayudhan Pillai, Mele Veedu, Kuttamkara, Tukkala *pakuthi*, Kalkulam taluk, who belongs to the educationally backward community of Krishnavaka in South Travancore and who has passed the School Final Examination of 1917, was, as a result of several applications, appointed as an acting clerk in the Vilavankod Taluk Cutcherry and subsequently as a clerk in the Maramat Circle Office, Padmanabhapuram, that, while holding that appointment there for about three years, he was disbanded from service owing to retrenchment in the re-organisation and that a person having inferior qualifications and with shorter service was appointed to that place by the then Maramat Engineer?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and confer some appointment on the said Velayudhan Pillai?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) Government will enquire.

Transfer of Vernacular School Teachers to their Native Places.

86. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to the interpellation asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Karkatakam, 1099, regarding the transfers of teachers of Vernacular Schools to their native places, will the Government be pleased to furnish the following further information:

(*a*) Are transfers of such teachers to their native places being effected in strict conformity with the Director's Circular dated the 22nd April, 1915?

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(*b*) Do the Assistant Inspectors report to the Chief Inspector all cases of teachers employed in other districts who require transfer to their native places ?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that, in this matter, some of the Assistant Inspectors act irregularly and unjustly ?

(*d*) Did the Headmasters of the Vernacular Schools at Vaipur, Kulattur (Tiruvalla taluk), Karikattur and Tazhattu Vadakara, and M. Narayana Pillai, teacher, Vernacular School, Kilikollur, Quilon, apply for transfer to their native places or to some neighbouring place ?

(*e*) If so, how long is it now since each of them had applied for transfer ?

(*f*) Are there any special grounds for not giving them the transfers till now ?

(*g*) If not, will the Government be pleased to transfer them to their native places or to places near them or to their own district ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The transfers of teachers to their native places are being effected in strict conformity with the orders issued by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter. Government have asked the Director of Public Instruction to submit to them regularly two quarterly returns, one from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and the other from the Inspector of Vernacular Schools, showing the number of applications received from the teachers of Vernacular Schools for transfer to their native places and the number of transfers ordered during the quarter for each District.

(*b*) No. The Assistant Inspectors report to the Chief Inspecting Officer on the cases of the teachers under them who require transfers to their native places outside the Districts. The Assistant Inspectors also consult among themselves in regard to such cases and take all possible action therein.

(*c*) Government are not aware that any Assistant Inspector acts irregularly or unjustly in this matter.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Headmaster, Vernacular School, Vaipur, applied for transfer on 5-10-1100.
Do. do. Kulattur on 17-9-1100.
Do. do. Karikattur on 3-9-1100.
Do. do. Tazhattu Vadakara on 15-9-1100.

Mr. M. Narayana Pillai, teacher, Kilikollur Primary School, applied for transfer on 2-9-1100.

The above dates may not be those on which they applied for the first time for transfers from their present places and there may also be several such applications ; but it is reported that it is not possible to find out the dates of the earliest or the several applications from the teachers praying for transfers.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Their transfers will be considered along with other cases of the kind when opportunity occurs and the exigencies of the service permit.

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